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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LAW  
NOTIFICATION

*New Delhi, the 29th July, 1949.*

No. S.O 26.—The following Order made by the Governor-General is published for general information:—

THE STATES MERGER (CHIEF COMMISSIONERS' PROVINCES) ORDER, 1949.

WHEREAS full and exclusive authority, jurisdiction and powers for, and in relation to, the governance of the Indian States and part of an Indian State hereinafter specified are exercisable by the Dominion Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 290-A of the Government of India Act, 1935, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the Governor-General is pleased to make the following Order:—

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the States Merger (Chief Commissioners' Provinces) Order, 1949.

(2) It shall come into force on the first day of August, 1949, which day is hereinafter referred to as "the appointed day".

2. (1) As from the appointed day,—

(a) each of the States of Bhopal, Bilaspur and Rampur shall be administered in all respects as if it were a Chief Commissioner's Province, and shall respectively be known as the Chief Commissioner's Province of Bhopal, Bilaspur and Rampur;

(b) the group of States specified in the first Schedule to this Order shall be administered in all respects

as if it were a Chief Commissioner's Province, and shall be known as the Chief Commissioner's Province of Himachal Pradesh; and

- (c) the parts of States specified in the Second Schedule to this Order shall be administered in all respects as if they were a Chief Commissioner's Province, and shall be known as the Chief Commissioner's Province of Kutch.

(2) The said Chief Commissioners' Provinces are hereinafter referred to as "the new Provinces".

3. As from the appointed day, any reference to an Acceding State in the Government of India Act, 1935, or in any Act or Ordinance made on or after the appointed day, shall be construed as not including a reference to any of the States specified in Article 2 (1) (a) of, or in the First Schedule to, this Order or to the State of Kutch, and any reference in any such Act or Ordinance as aforesaid to the Chief Commissioners' Provinces shall be construed as including a reference to the new Provinces.

4. All the law in force in any of the new Provinces or in any part thereof immediately before the appointed day, including orders made under section 3 or section 4 of the Extra-Provincial Jurisdiction Act, 1947 (XLVII of 1947), shall continue in force until repealed, modified or amended by the Dominion Legislature or other competent authority:

Provided that no orders shall be made under the said Act by any authority on or after the appointed day in relation to the administration of any of the new Provinces or any part thereof.

For the purposes of this Article "law" includes any ordinance, order, bye-law, rule or regulation having the force of law.

## THE FIRST SCHEDULE

[See Article 2(1) (b).]

### The States comprising Himachal Pradesh

Bhagal	Darkoti	Mahlog
Bhagat	Dhami	Mandi
Balsan	Jubbal	Mangal
Bashahr	Keonthal	Sangri
Bhajji	Kumharsain	Sirmar
Bija	Kunihar	Suket
Chamba	Kuthar	Tharock

## THE SECOND SCHEDULE

[See Article 2(1) (c).]

### *The parts of States comprising Kutch*

(i) The State of Kutch, excluding the area known as Kutchigarh situate in Okhamandal.

(ii) That part of the United State of Saurashtra which is comprised in the Adhoi Mahal of Morvi, consisting of the seven villages Adhoi, Dharna, Gamdan, Halara, Lakhpañ, Rampur and Vasatava.

C. RAJAGOPALACHARI,

*Governor-General.*

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K. V. K. SUNDARAM,

*Secretary.*

